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the volume of road freight traffic for the  
first half of 1954 was as follows:

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Number of tons carried	70,141.000
Number of ton/km	1,311,511.000
Truck space available, expressed in the number of ton/km offered	2,125,390.000
Number of km operated loaded	644,610.000
Number of km operated empty	174,912.000

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Comment. Reports on the volume of road freight traffic are submitted every 3 or 6 months. The figures mentioned under the category "truck space available", and expressed in the number of ton/km offered, represent the product of the maximum load capacity of a truck and its operational range calculated on the basis of gasoline allocations. The information on the volume of road freight traffic as contained in the present report approximately corresponds to the haulings of about 12 million metric tons over a distance of about 18 km. This clearly shows that trucks in the GDR are mainly used for short distance haulings and feeder traffic, and that the truck is not in competition with the railroad system. It must be pointed out that the value of these statistical data is not beyond doubt because in the GDR such data tend to be doctored for propaganda reasons.

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